PUBLIC NOTICE Montana 110(a)(2) SIP Requirements for Ozone

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality invites public comment on the proposed certification of the adequacy of the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attaining and maintaining the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone.
- 2) The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set NAAQS for six criteria pollutants; ozone is one of these. Under the CAA, each state must develop a plan describing how it will attain and maintain the NAAQS, in other words, how it plans to clean up polluted areas and keep them clean. This plan is called the SIP and is required under Section 110 of the CAA. The attached document outlines how the Montana SIP provisions, programs, and other efforts meet the "infrastructure" elements of CAA Section 110(a)(2). This certification is not intended to modify or amend any portion or provision of Montana's SIP. The certification simply outlines the requirements of section 110(a)(2)(A) through (M) of the CAA and addresses how Montana will implement, maintain and enforce the 2008 ozone NAAQS.
- 3) Any person may request a public hearing on this matter. If the Department receives a request for public hearing, a public hearing on this matter will be scheduled and the time for that hearing will be announced and another 30-day time period for submitting comment will begin.
- 4) Interested persons may view the certification on the Department's website at: http://deq.mt.gov/pubcom.mcpx or may call the Department at 406-444-7305 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 5) The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons needing accommodation must contact Oline Barta to advise of the nature of the accommodation needed. Please contact Ms. Barta at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-0524; fax (406) 444-1499; or email "obarta@mt.gov."
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by
 - addressing them to Oline Barta, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901;
 - faxing them to (406) 444-1499; or
 - sending them via email addressed to "obarta@mt.gov."

To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. December 31, 2012.